MR. ARTIS! PLEASE LET MR. PELADD KNOW HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE!
I'M HELPING PEOPLE AND GETTING FAMOUS AT THE SAME TIME! TWO BIRDS

WITH ONE STONE!

AT THIS RATE,
IT WON'T BE LONG
BEFORE THE GODDESS
APPROACHES US... RIGHT?

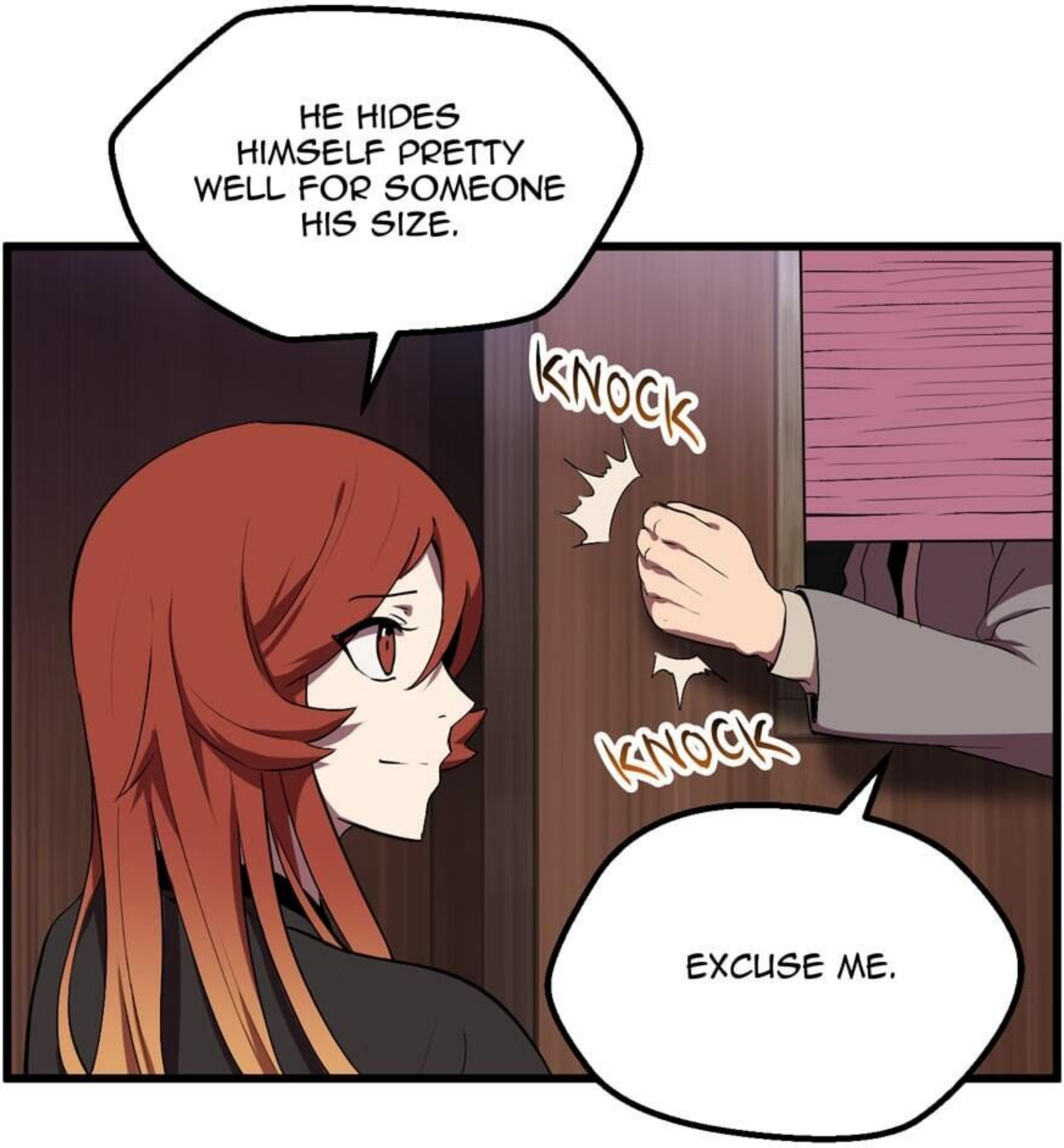
THEN I CAN
START HELPING THE GODDESS
AND GAIN HER TRUST...

...THEN ONE DAY,
I CAN WORK WITH HER
TO TAKE MY REVENGE
ON THAT DEMONIC GOD!

WHERE
DID HE GO?

PELADD~

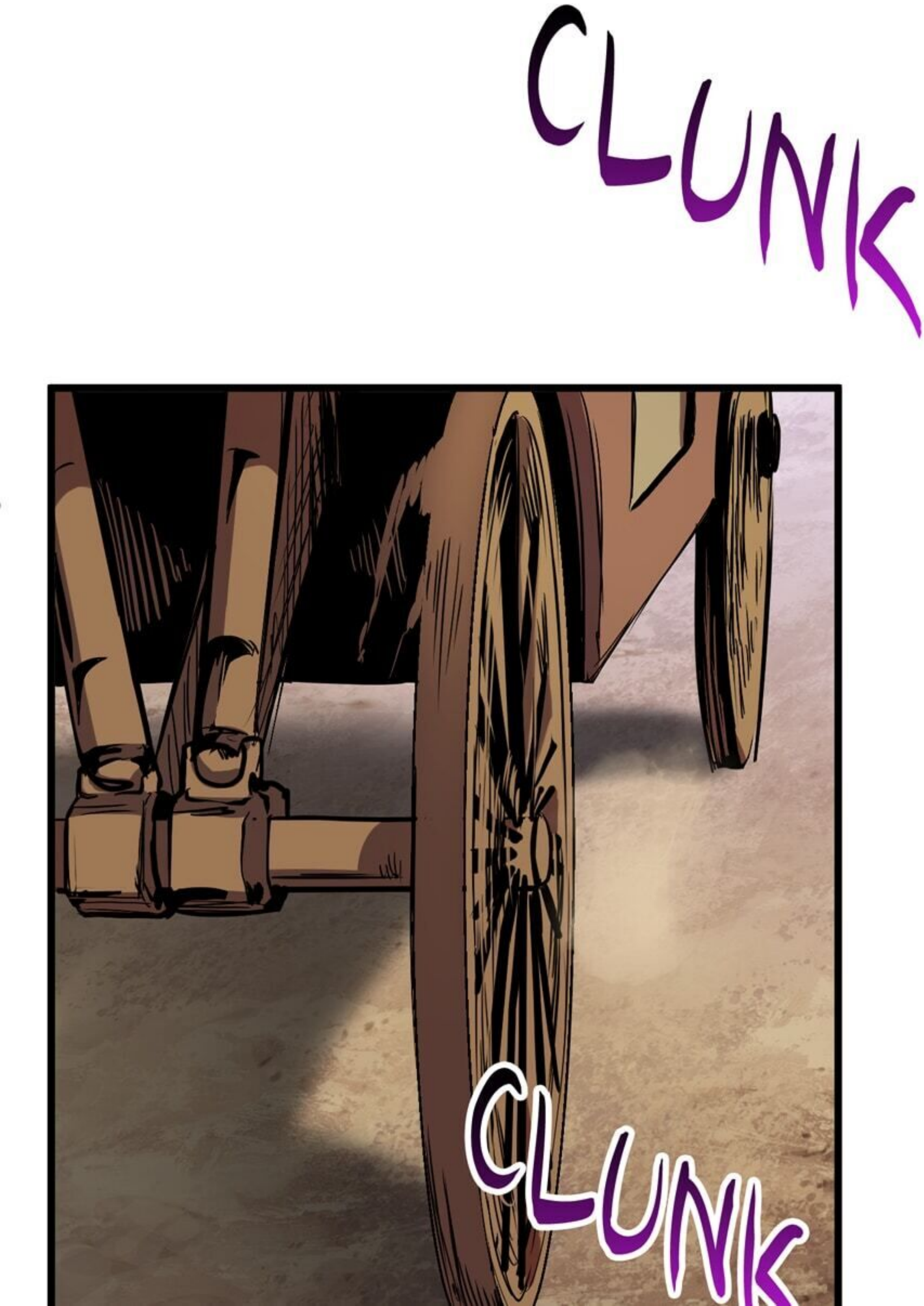
OF COURSE, MY
ULTIMATE MISSION IS
TO GO BACK HOME...


HE HIDES HIMSELF PRETTY WELL FOR SOMEONE HIS SIZE.
KNOCK
KNOCK
EXCUSE ME.

MR. ARTIS BANNISTER.
DO YOU HAVE A SECOND?

HE SHOULD BE OUT BY NOW...
ARTIS...?

DID HE TAKE OFF FIRST?


CLUNK
CLUNK

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

YOU ASKED ME TO COME IN FOR A SECOND TO TALK...
...THEN YOU ORDERED THE CARRIAGE TO LEAVE!
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE SO EASY EITHER.

WHAT ARE YOU...?!

WAIT...

I USED MY LAST RESERVE WAND IN THAT BOSS BATTLE!

I GOT TOO CARELESS, THINKING I'M SAFE IN THE CITY WITH SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND.

IT WAS VERY WISE OF YOU TO HAVE NOT PULLED OUT YOUR WAND.
ANYWAY, NOW THAT I GOT TO SEE YOU IN PERSON... YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HER!

I'M REFERRING TO YOUR SISTER, MS. ADORA BANNISTER.
YOU KNOW ABOUT ADORA?

OF COURSE! SHE'S NOT VERY

SHE'S NOT VERY WELL-KNOWN IN THE WORLD, BUT
SHE FOUGHT THE VICIOUS OLD DRAGONS TEN YEARS AGO, ALONGSIDE THE FOUR HEROES.

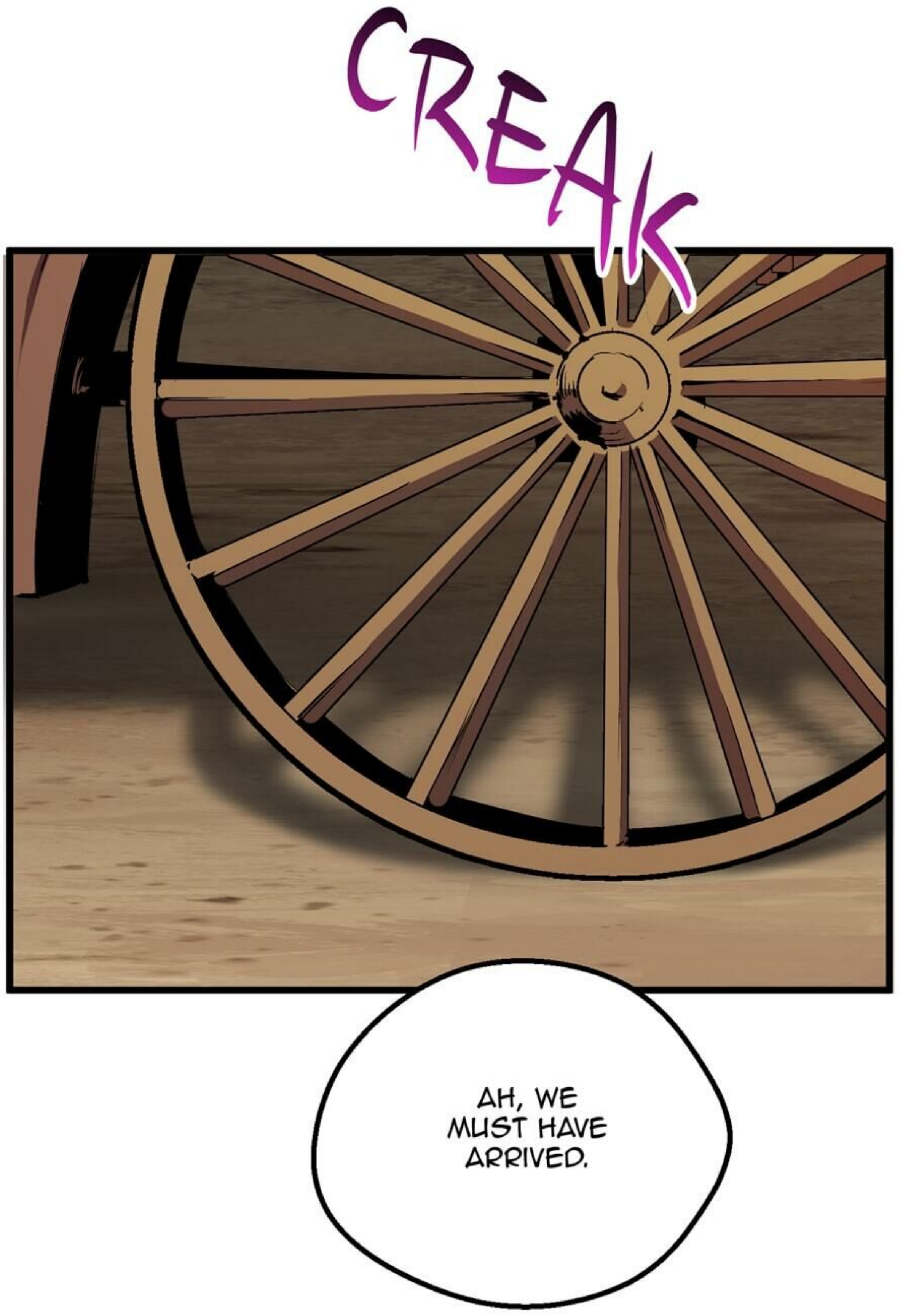
HER HEROIC WORK RESULTED IN THE FOUNDATION OF 'THE UPPER DRAGONIUM,' AN INSTITUTION THAT MANAGES THE OLD DRAGONS.
HAD SHE MADE IT BACK ALIVE, SHE WOULD'VE RECEIVED THE GODDESS' BLESSING LIKE THE FOUR HEROES.

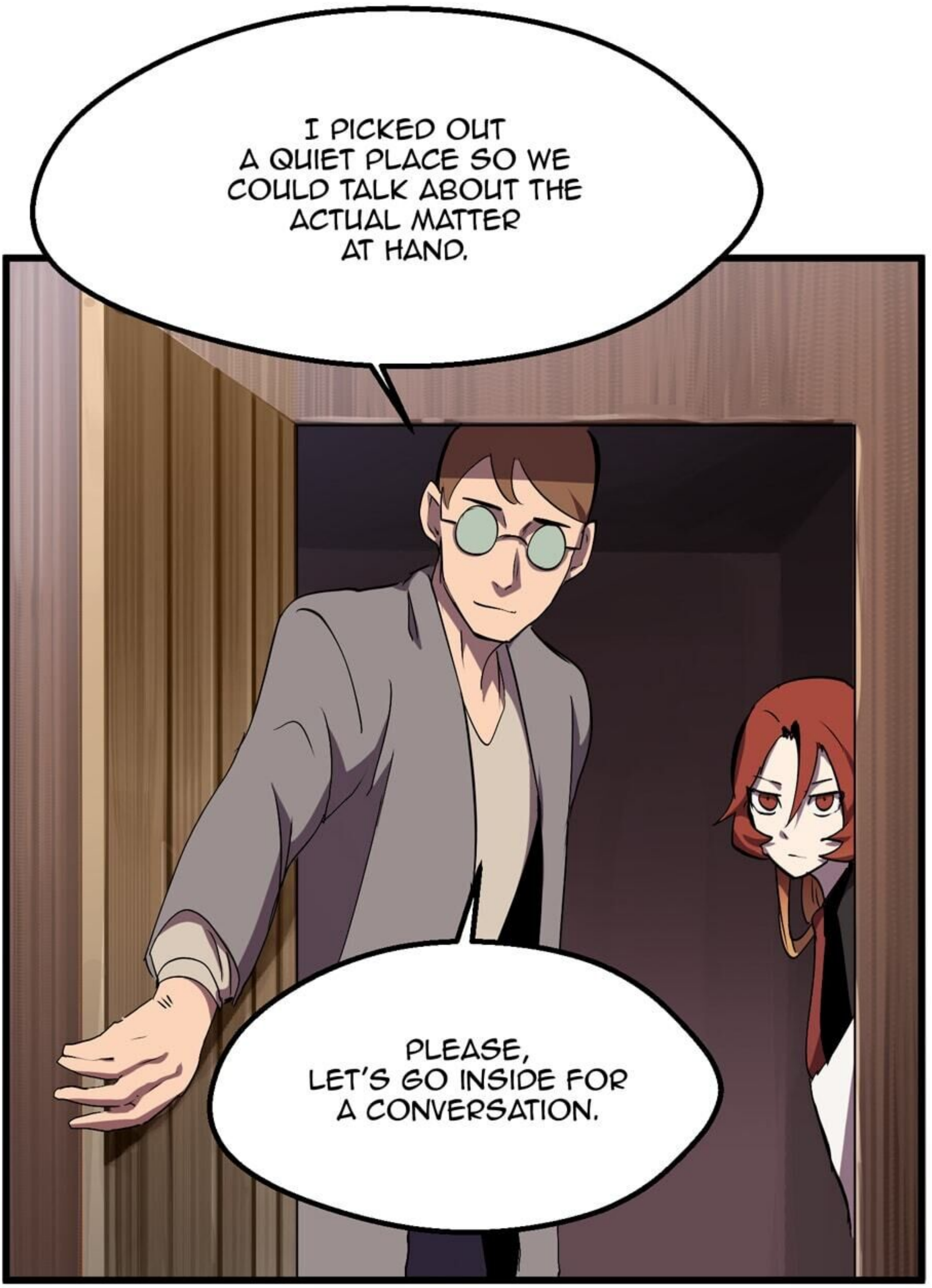
STOP.

TALKING ABOUT HER WON'T GET MY INTEREST.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU REALLY WANT?

I APOLOGIZE, MR. ARTIS.
I WAS JUST SO WORRIED THAT THE HEAD OF THE BANNISTER FAMILY HAS BEEN IN HIDING FOR TEN YEARS DUE TO THE LOSS OF HIS SISTER.
BUT AFTER SEEING YOU IN PERSON, I GUESS I HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


CREAK
AH, WE MUST HAVE ARRIVED.


I PICKED OUT A QUIET PLACE SO WE COULD TALK ABOUT THE ACTUAL MATTER AT HAND.
PLEASE, LET'S GO INSIDE FOR A CONVERSATION.

THIS IS...!

...MY HOUSE?

WH-WHY
ARE WE HERE?!

I HAD NO IDEA
I'D BE SO GOOD AT
DRIVING A CARRIAGE!

YOU! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

WHAT A *SAVAGE...!*

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOUR DRIVER KEPT WANTING TO GO SOME PLACE ELSE, SO I GAVE HIM A BREAK.

ARTIS! I GUESS WE SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT GETTING FAMOUS.

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D GET A STALKER ONE DAY.

A S-STALKER? NO! I'M NOT A STALKER!

SO THEN...

...SHALL WE HAVE THAT 'CONVERSATION'?

CRACK

CRACK
WAIT!!

LATNA
SAGA
SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING

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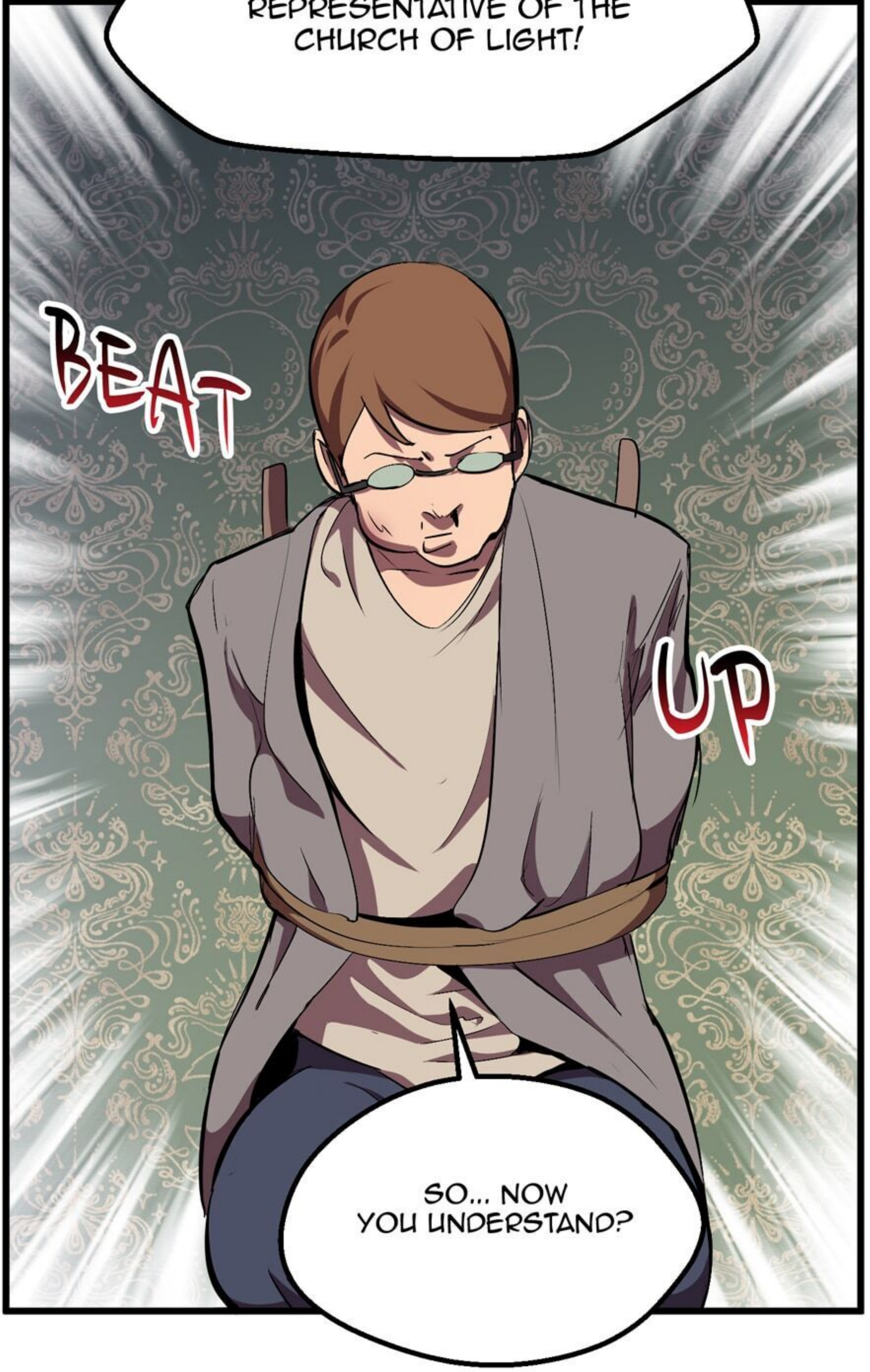
HM...
THE PATTERN OF ARTIA, THE GODDESS OF LIGHT.
AND IT EXUDES A GENTLE AND SACRED ENERGY...
THIS IS DEFINTELY REAL.

THEN... THAT MEANS...

SK

WELL...

HE REALLY IS A


REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHURCH OF LIGHT!
BEAT UP
SO... NOW YOU UNDERSTAND?

I AM EMIL OTTO, AN UPPER-LEVEL PRIEST WHO SERVES THE GODDESS OF LIGHT, ARTIA.
Priest
Lvl 45

I REALLY APOLOGIZE... BUT I HAD NO IDEA I'D BE ABDUCTED BY A PRIEST EITHER.
IT WASN'T AN ABDUCTION... I HAD NO CHOICE SINCE THE MATTER I'M BRINGING TO YOU IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE IN NATURE.
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU REACTED, MR. ARTIS... BUT I JUST CANNOT FORGIVE THAT SAVAGE

WHO DECIDED TO BEAT ME UP WITHOUT EVEN HEARING AN EXPLANATION!

HEY! VALTARAN! WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?!

OOPS

*THE LOCAL NATIVE LANGUAGE

AI AMU KNOT SPIIK 'KEWLIN'... (I AM NOT SPEAKING

KOOLIN*)

Skill: Communication
[Koolin] -> [Valtaran]

Hanbin used the 'pretend to be a foreigner' skill!

STOP PRETENDING LIKE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING!

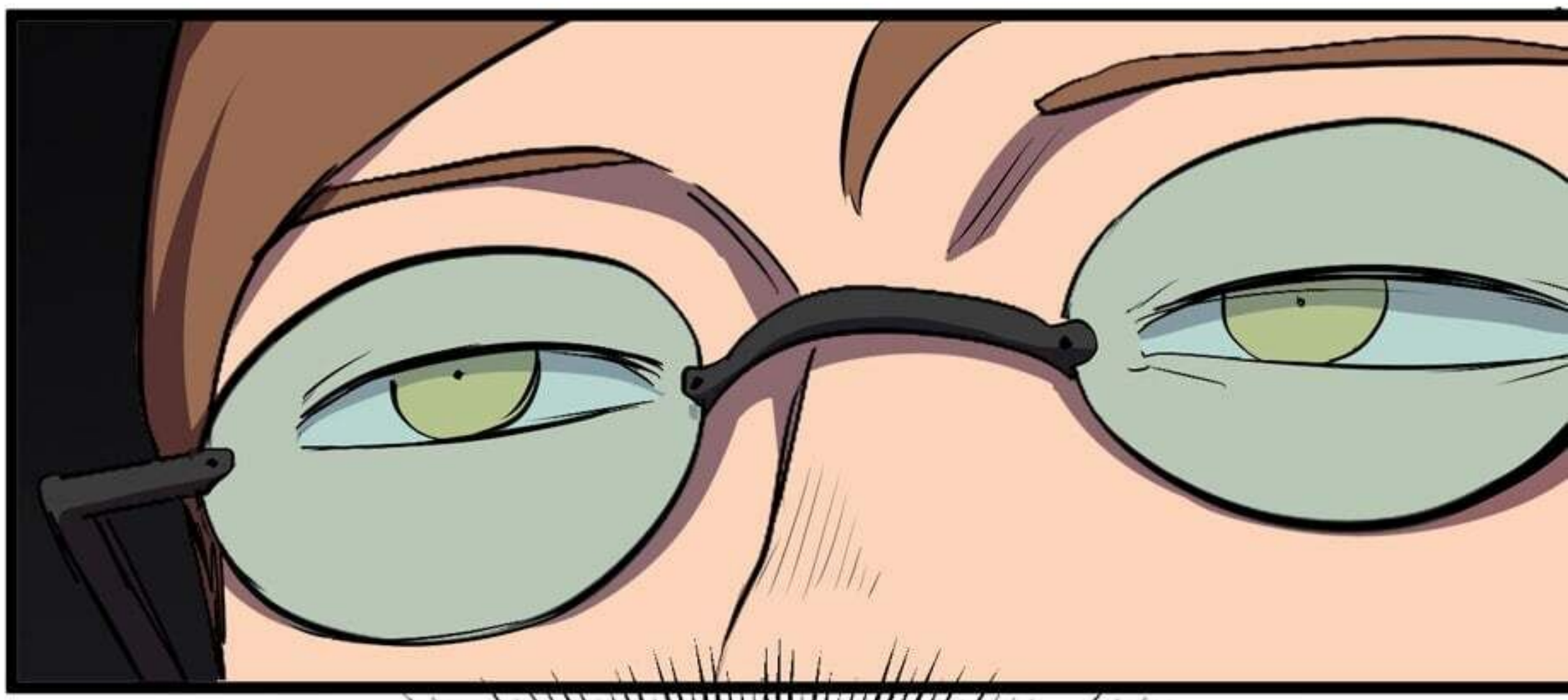
BUT THIS IS UNEXPECTED— YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ME, INSTEAD OF

THAT POWERFUL VALTARAN WARRIOR FOR A JOB?

IT MUST BE A DIFFICULT MATTER FOR EVEN THE CHURCH TO HANDLE.

...WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WITH SUCH SECRECY?

YOU REALLY ARE VERY KEEN.



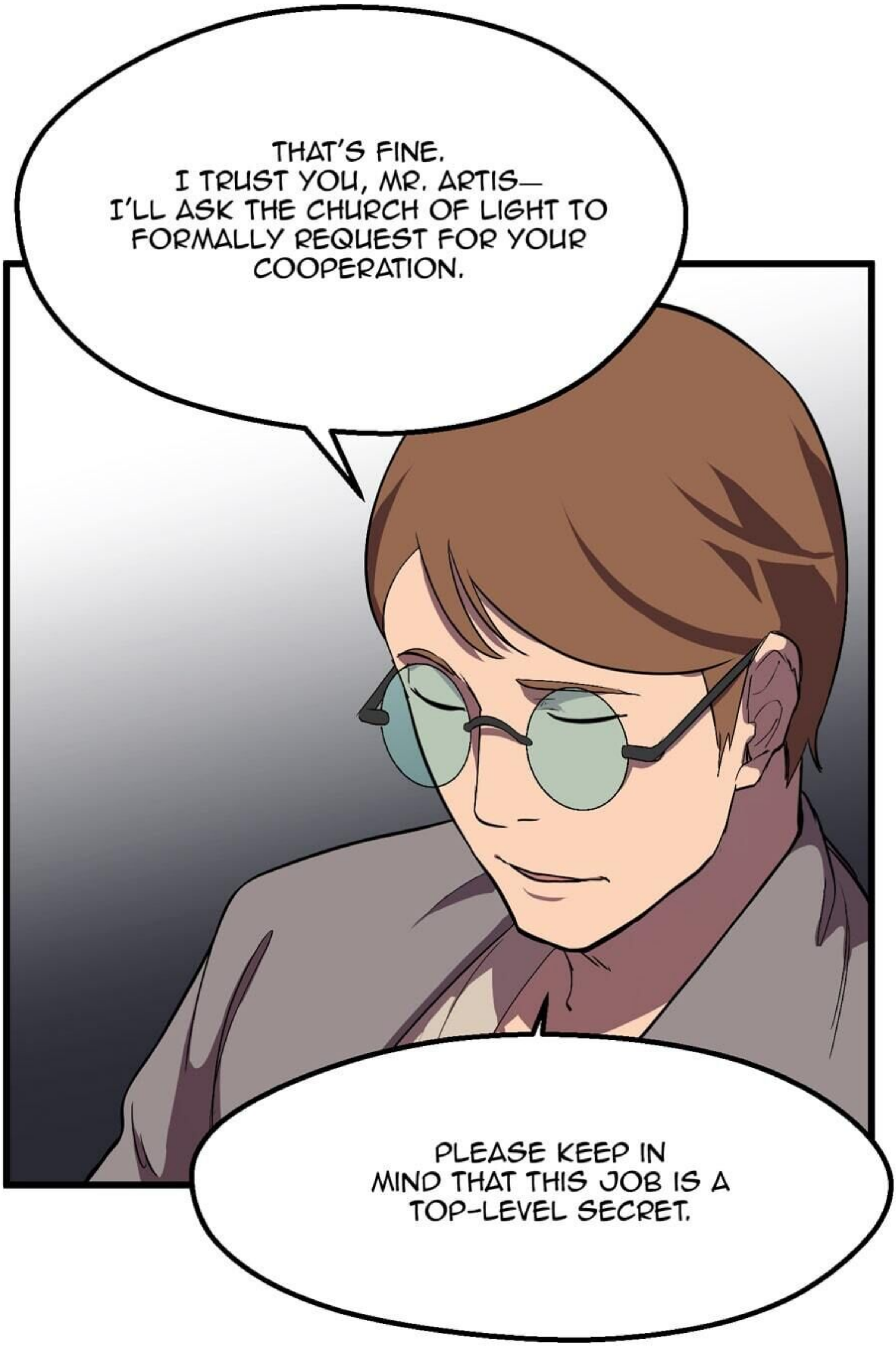
MOST OF THE OLD

DRAGONS ARE GONE NOW AND I DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF HIM SINCE HE PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE...

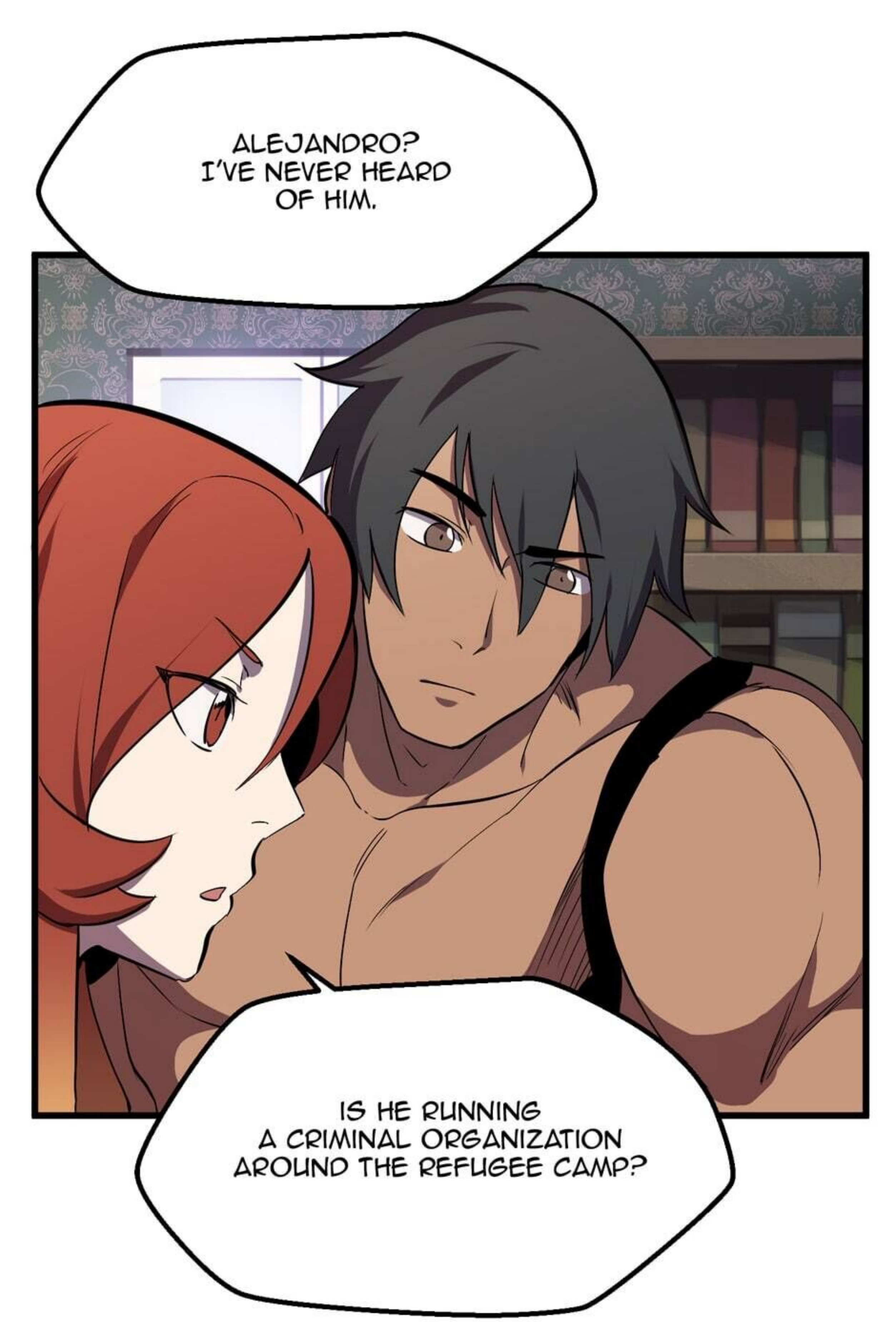
...BUT I GUESS NOT JUST ANYONE CAN MAKE A VALTARAN WORK FOR HIM.

150 YEARS OLD

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S ONLY 17 YEARS OLD.


THAT'S FINE.
I TRUST YOU, MR. ARTIS—
I'LL ASK THE CHURCH OF LIGHT TO FORMALLY REQUEST FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS JOB IS A TOP-LEVEL SECRET.

I AM CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING A MAN NAMED ALEJANDRO.
HE'S BEEN ACTIVE AROUND THE REFUGEE CAMP NEAR THE CRATER VALLEY.

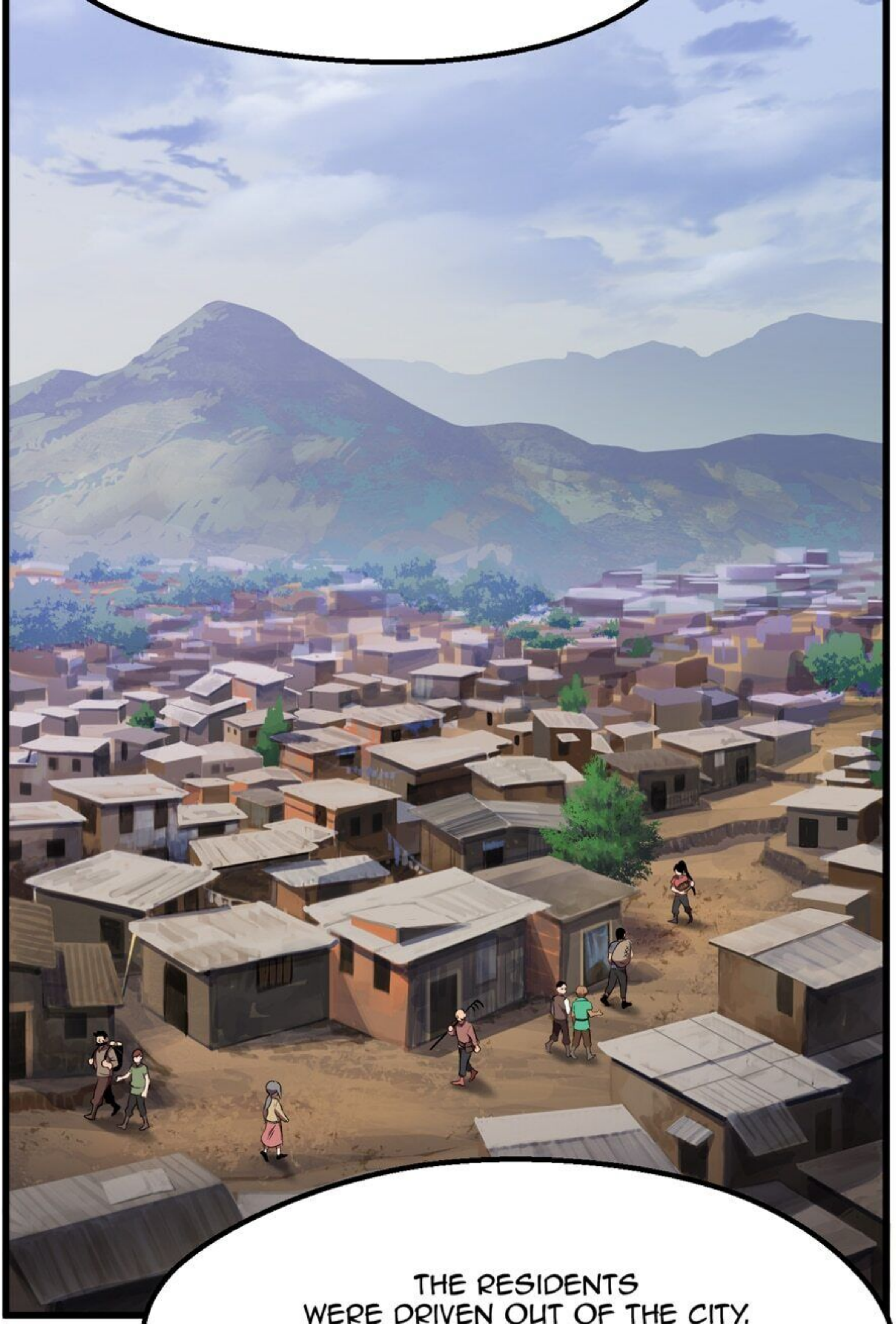

ALEJANDRO? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
IS HE RUNNING A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION AROUND THE REFUGEE CAMP?

IF ONLY THINGS WERE THAT SIMPLE...
I GUESS I SHOULD FIRST

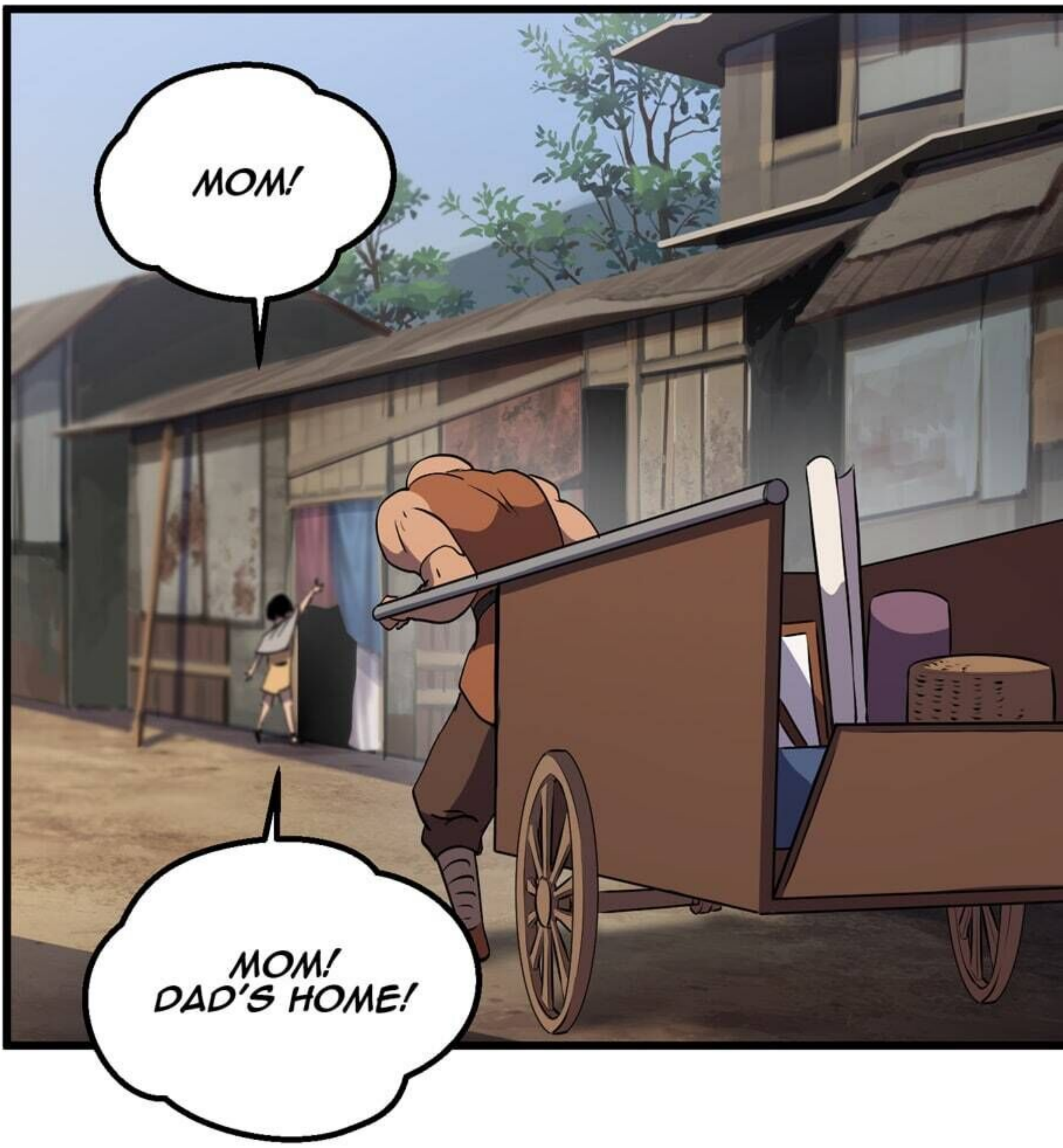
I SHOULD FIRST EXPLAIN A THING OR TWO ABOUT THE REFUGEE CAMP.

ORIGINALLY, THE 'REFUGEES' WERE JUST NORMAL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY.

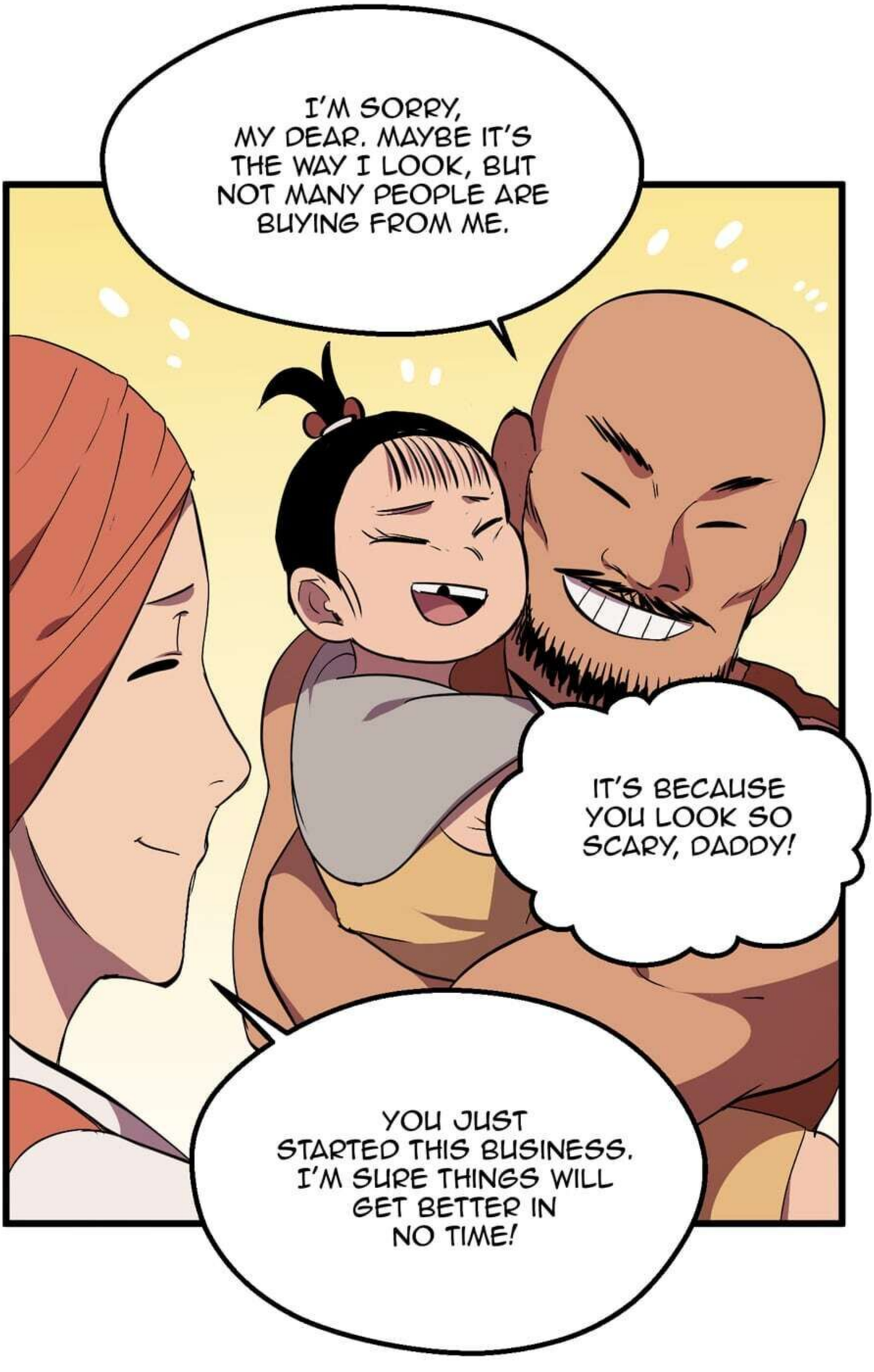
BUT AFTER THE CRATER VALLEY DUNGEONS FORMED AND SO MANY HUNTERS STARTED TO MIGRATE TO THE CITY IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME,

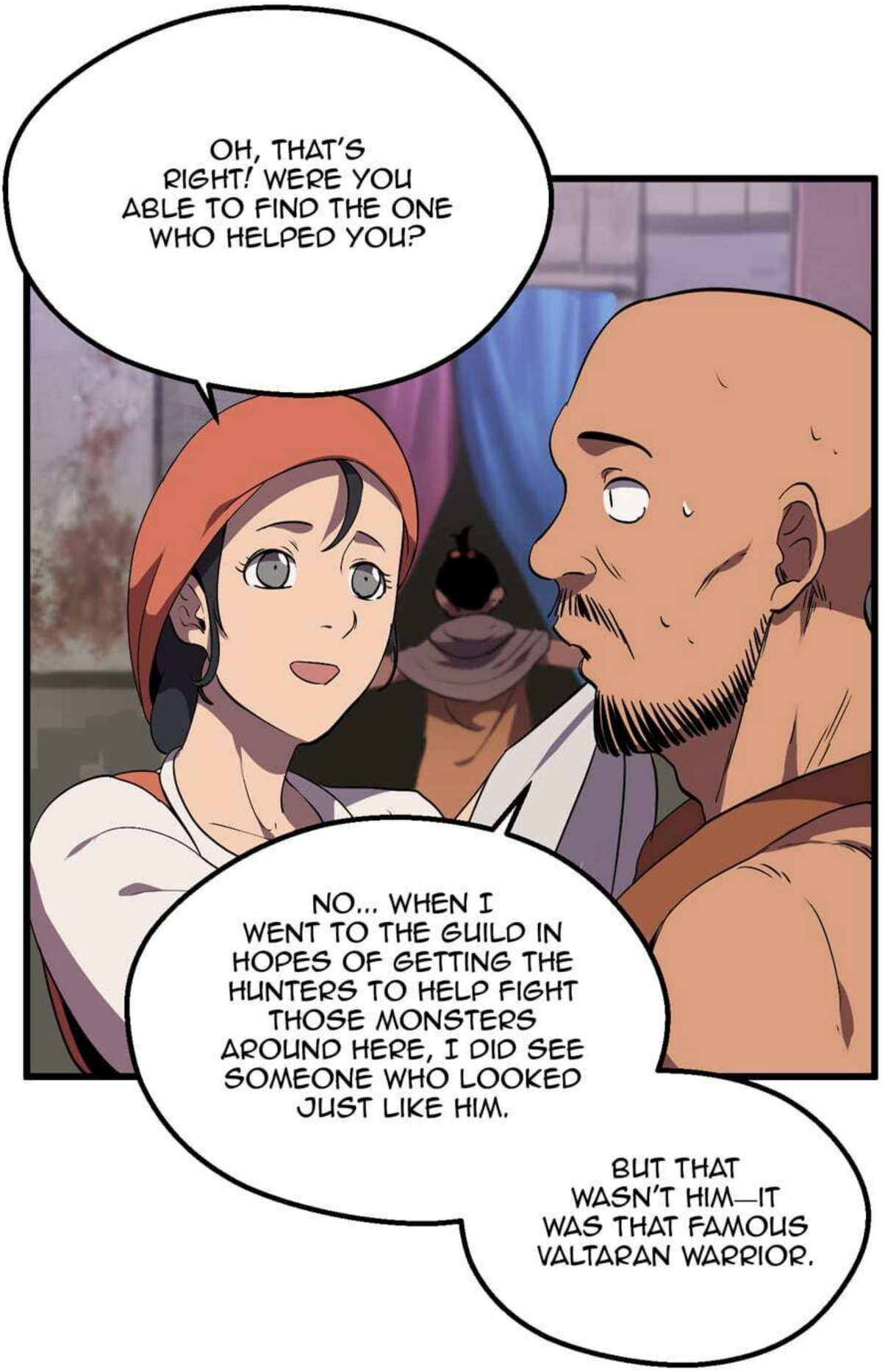


THE RESIDENTS WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THE CITY. THE EXCESSIVE RESIDENT TAX INCREASE DIDN'T HELP THE MATTER EITHER.


MOM!
MOM! DAD'S HOME!

WHEW~
HONEY, HOW WAS THE TRIP?
HOW DID THINGS GO... IN THE CITY?
WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY, DADDY?


I'M SORRY, MY DEAR. MAYBE IT'S THE WAY I LOOK, BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE BUYING FROM ME.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOOK SO SCARY, DADDY!
YOU JUST STARTED THIS BUSINESS. I'M SURE THINGS WILL GET BETTER IN NO TIME!


OH, THAT'S RIGHT! WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND THE ONE WHO HELPED YOU?
NO... WHEN I WENT TO THE GUILD IN HOPES OF GETTING THE HUNTERS TO HELP FIGHT THOSE MONSTERS AROUND HERE, I DID SEE SOMEONE WHO LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM.
BUT THAT WASN'T HIM—IT WAS THAT FAMOUS VALTARAN WARRIOR.

A VALTARAN WARRIOR? I WISH SOMEONE LIKE THAT WOULD COME TO OUR TOWN TO HELP US...
HAA
HAA

HEY!

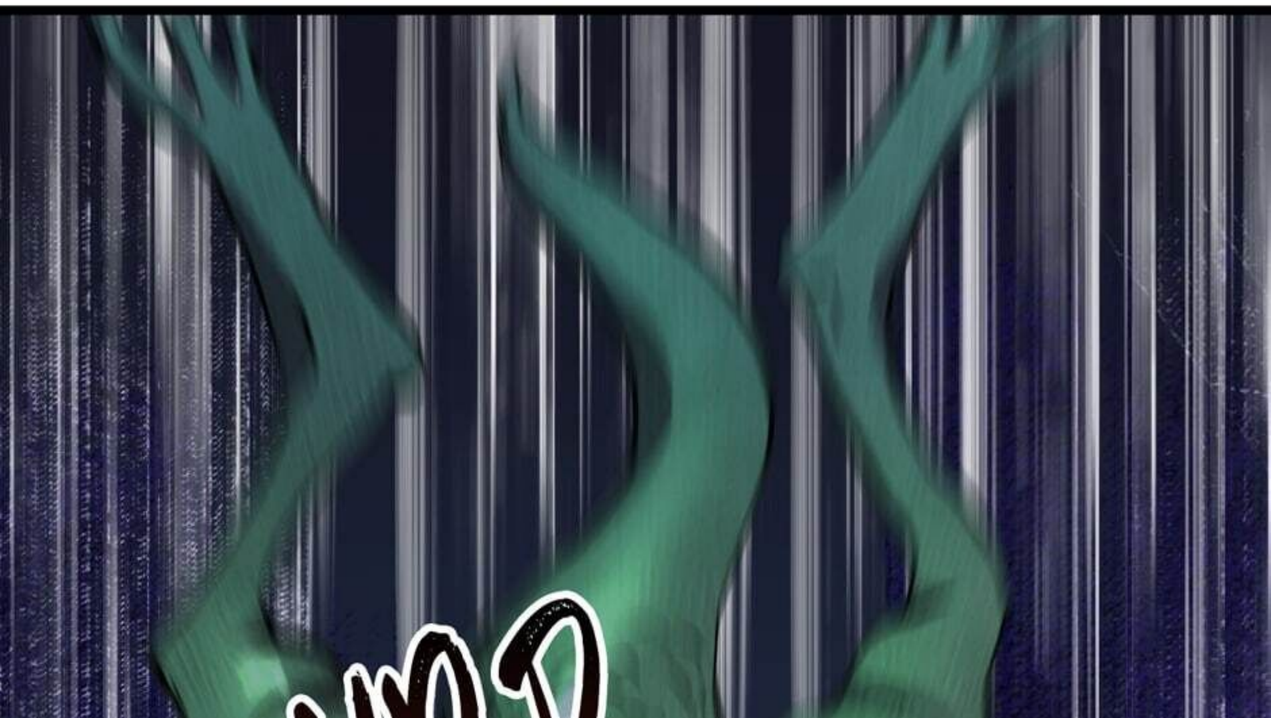
HEY!

WHAT...
JOSEPH?!

HONEY, GO INSIDE!
JOSEPH! WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPEND?!

RUN AWAY!

M-MONSTER!!



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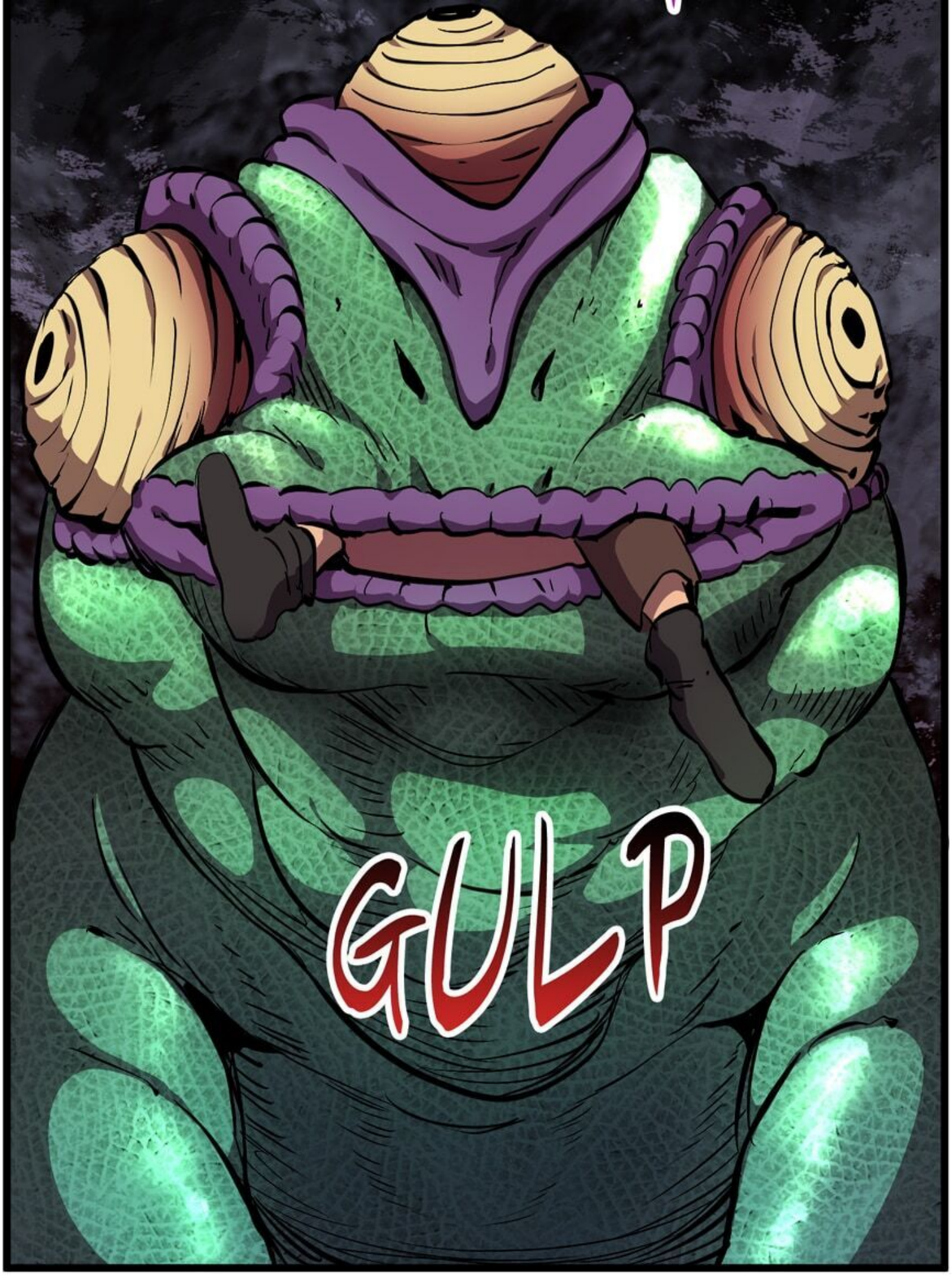
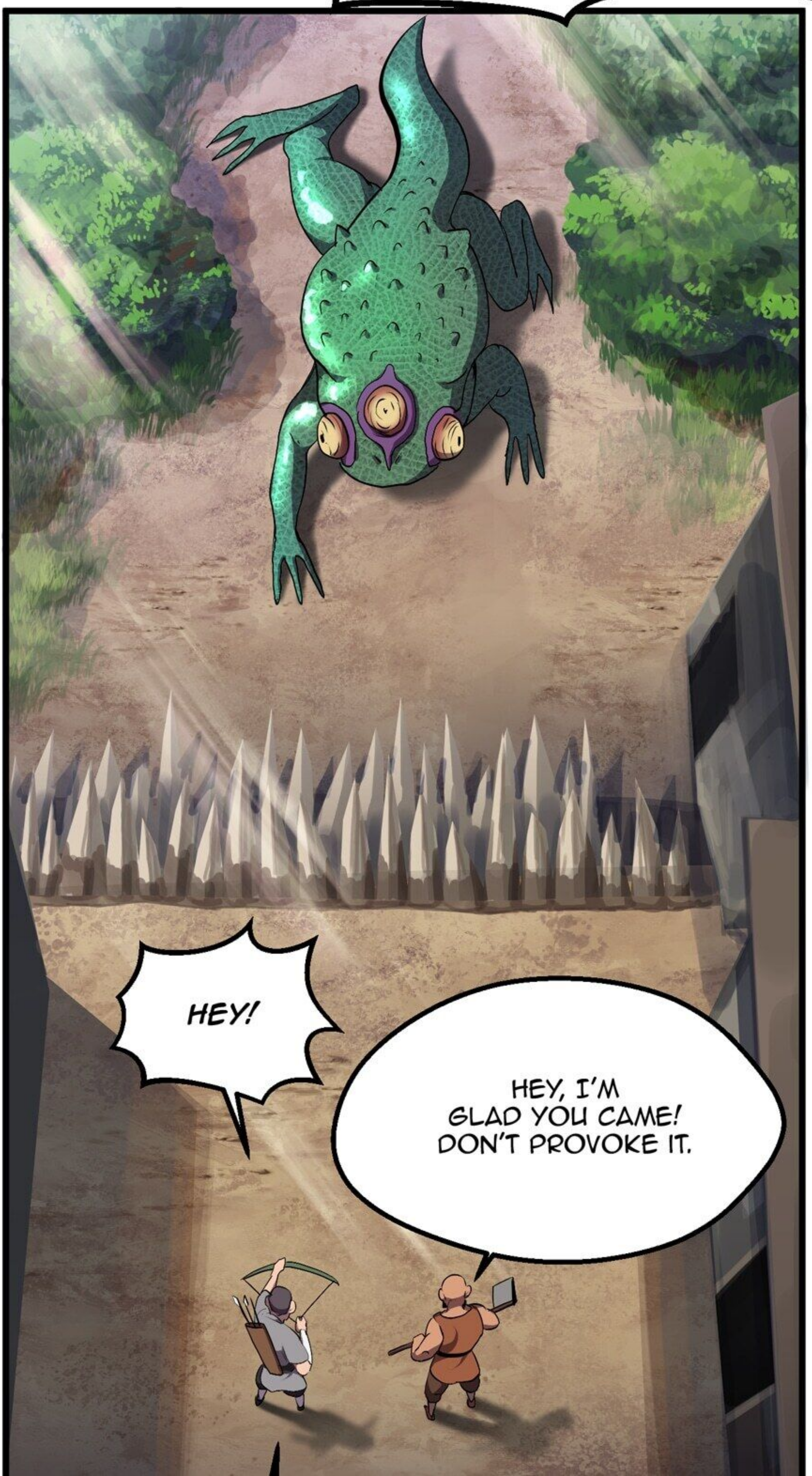

GULP

I-IT'S A MONSTER!!
SPIT
JOSEPH!!

THAT MONSTER'S SUPPOSED TO BE NOCTURNAL...!
HONEY! HONEY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GO!!
NO, I CAN'T FIND OUR DAUGHTER!!

SHE MUST BE INSIDE THE HOUSE SOMEWHERE! *HURRY!*



DAMN IT!
JOSEPH MUST'VE...

DID YOU LET
JOSEPH GO TO THE NEST?
HE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT
KILLING THAT MONSTER!

I DIDN'T
THINK HE'D
REALLY GO!

I TOLD HIM I WAS GOING TO ASK THE HUNTERS' GUILD FOR HELP! WHY COULDN'T HE JUST WAIT?

THAT WON'T WORK! DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'D RISK THEIR LIVES AND KILL MONSTERS FOR THE AMOUNT WE'RE OFFERING?

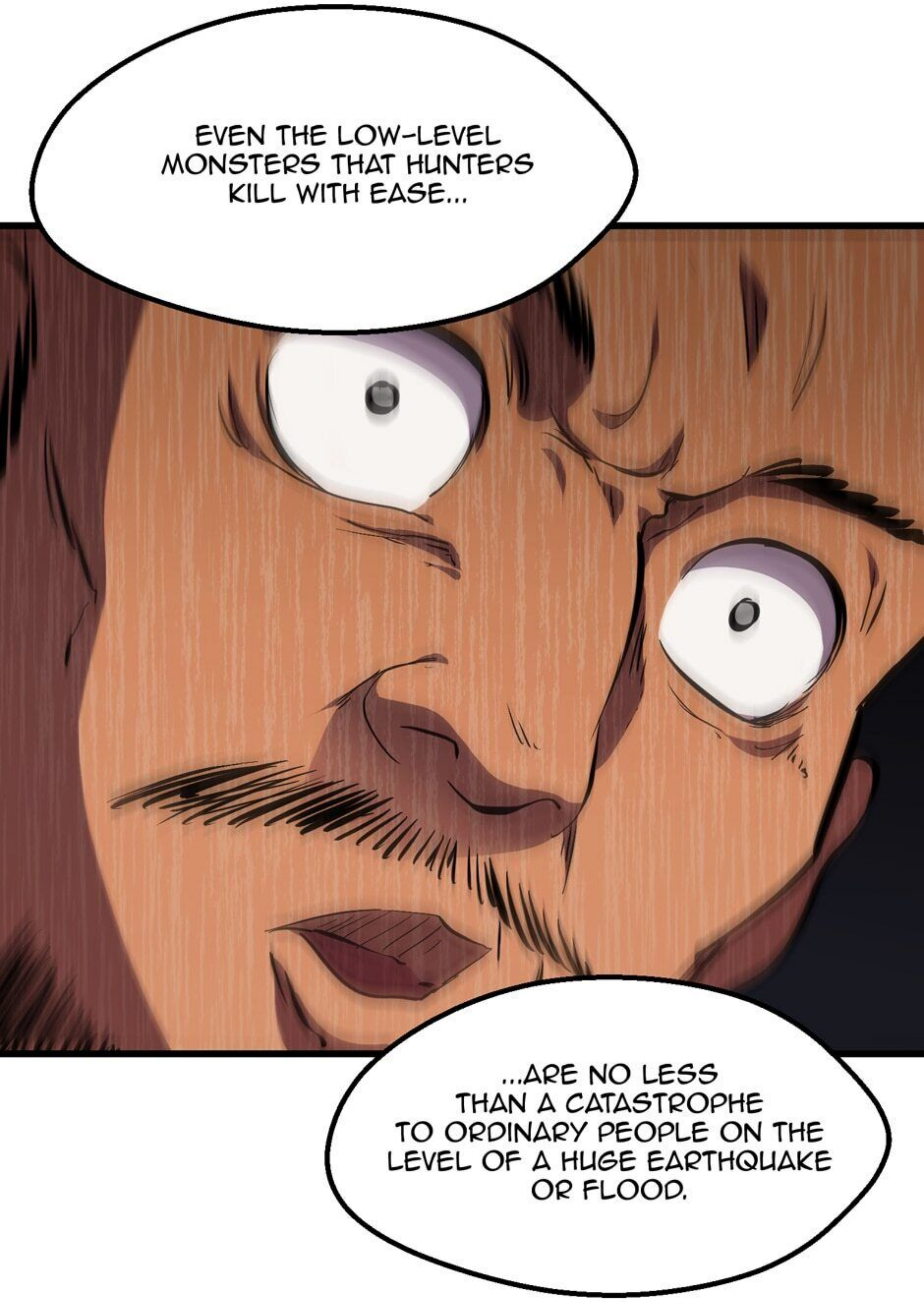
LICK

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN THERE ALREADY? IF THEY WANTED TO DO THIS JOB, THEY WOULD'VE CAME HERE A LONG TIME AGO!

DAMN THOSE HUNTERS!

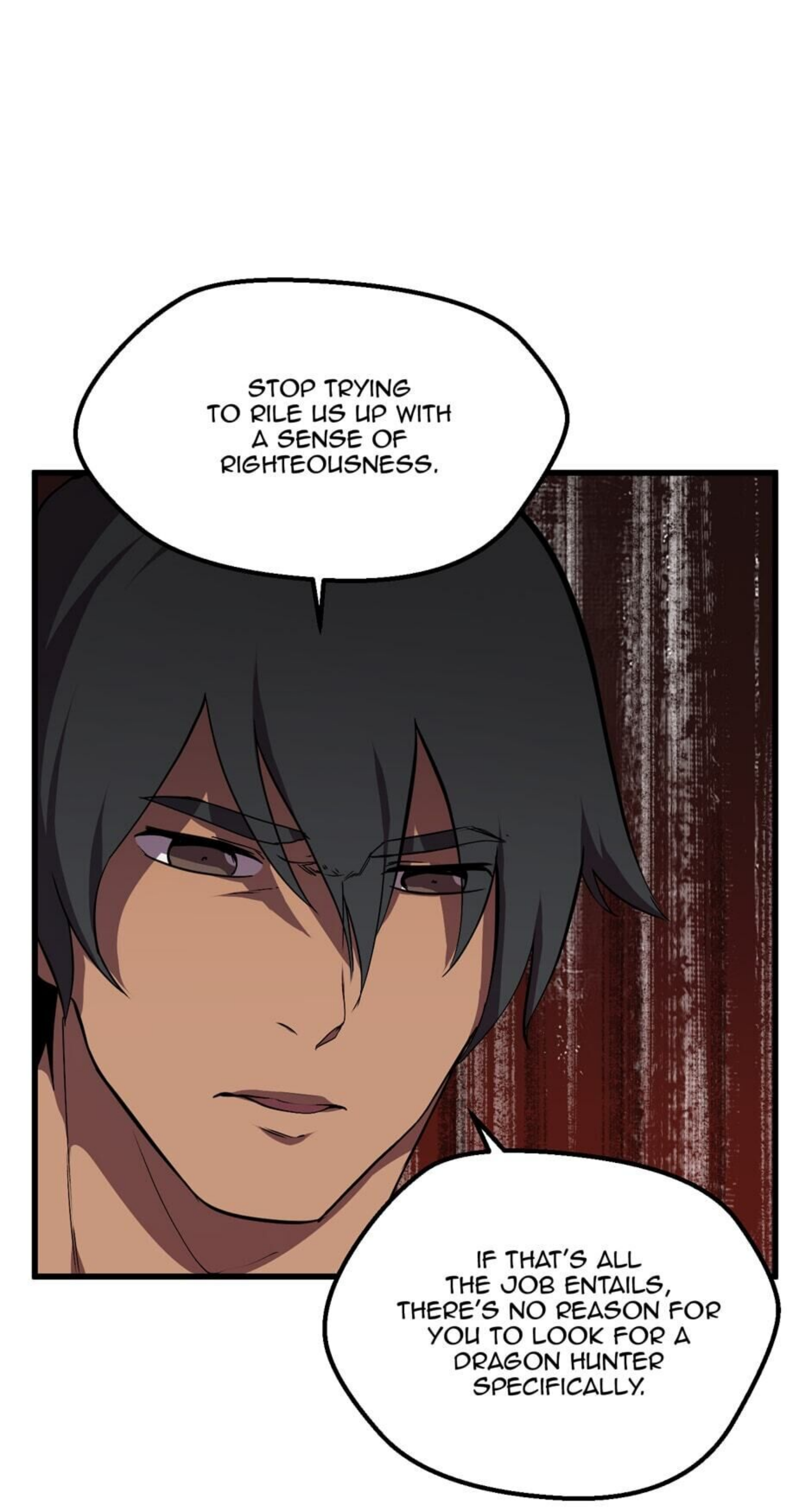
CRAK
DADDY...?

FINTRA
EVEN WITH TRAINING, ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT HUNTERS CAN BARELY GET TO LEVEL TEN.


EVEN THE LOW-LEVEL MONSTERS THAT HUNTERS KILL WITH EASE...
...ARE NO LESS THAN A CATASTROPHE TO ORDINARY PEOPLE ON THE LEVEL OF A HUGE EARTHQUAKE OR FLOOD.

BUT THE CHURCH CANNOT GET INVOLVED WITH THINGS OUTSIDE OF ITS JURISDICTION.
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS TO FIND A WILLING HUNTER TO HELP.

BUT ALL WE CAN PROMISE IS TO INCREASE THE HUNTER'S CONTRIBUTION LEVEL TO PERHAPS HELP HIS CHANCE IN MEETING THE GODDESS AT SOME POINT.
WE ARE PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING FOR THIS! WE CAN GO RIGHT NOW--
NO.


STOP TRYING TO RILE US UP WITH A SENSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
IF THAT'S ALL THE JOB ENTAILS, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO LOOK FOR A DRAGON HUNTER SPECIFICALLY.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT WE ARE REALLY AFTER ISN'T NECESSARILY ALEJANDRO.

IT HAS MORE TO DO WITH WHERE HE LIVES— A DRAGON'S NEST.
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF IT, SINCE YOU ARE A DRAGON HUNTER.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! TO MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE ARE NO DRAGON'S NESTS LEFT ANYWHERE!
EVEN IF THERE IS ONE, THAT'S A MATTER THE WHOLE CHURCH SHOULD TAKE ON—NOT AN INDIVIDUAL HUNTER!
SLAM

THE CHURCH OF LIGHT WANTS TO START A FULL-ON INVESTIGATION RIGHT AWAY.

BUT THIS MAN NAMED ALEJANDRO IS COVERING HIS TRACKS REALLY WELL.

HIS GROUP NEVER GETS INVOLVED IN ANY APPARENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITES.

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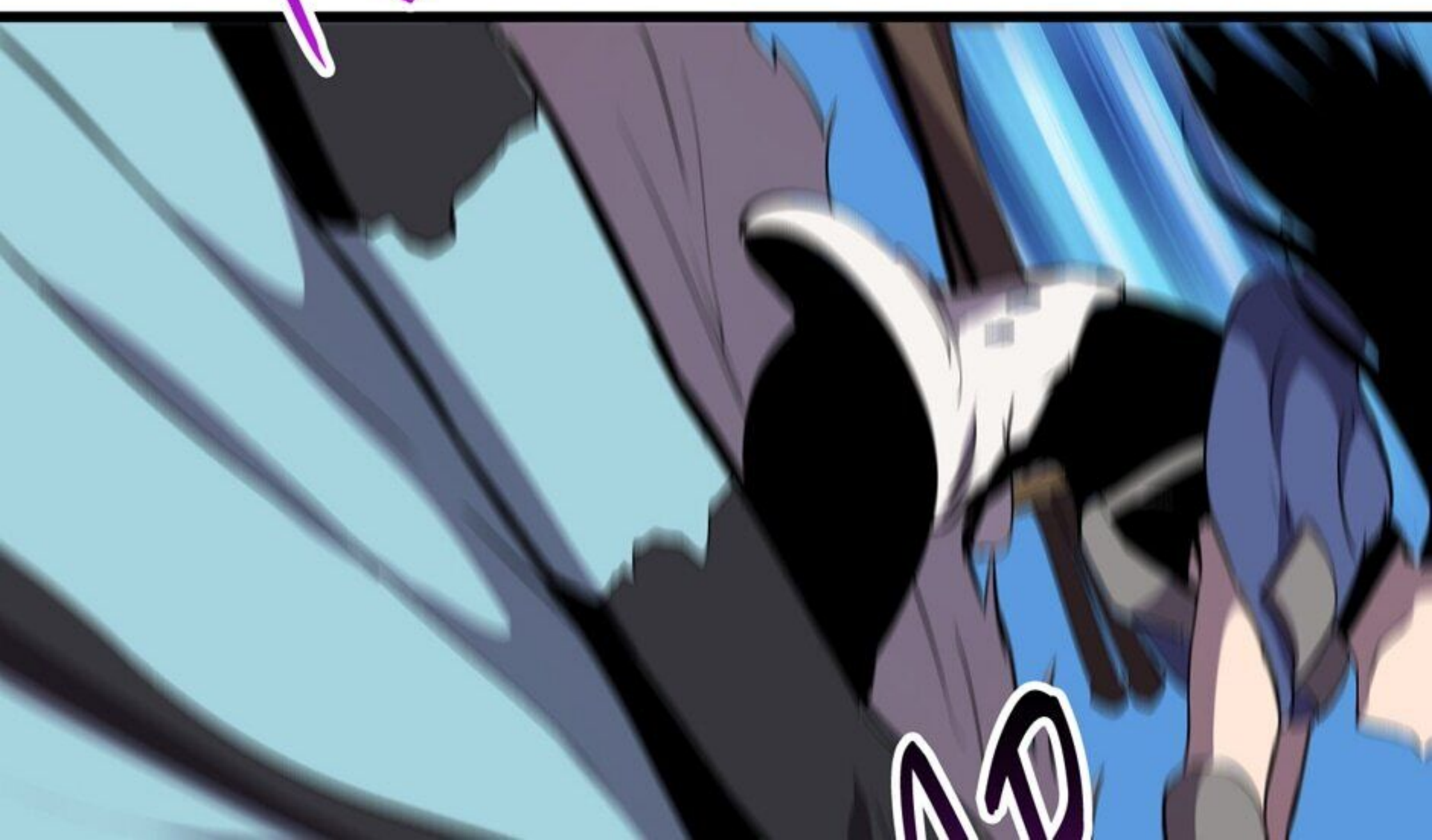

FLAP

HE IS ACTUALLY CONSIDERED A HERO BY THE REFUGEES.

FWOOOSH

WAAAAH~

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
IT'S OK NOW... THE
MONSTER'S GONE.

J-JUST...

...WHO ARE YOU?!
SPLAT

YOU CAN RELAX.

WE'VE BEEN SENT BY...

...MR. ALEJANDRO FROM THE DRAGON'S NEST.

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE